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Andy Hughes

From: David Hawes [david_hawes@dot.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 1:43 PM
To: 'Jeff Ottesen'
Cc: 'Andy Hughes'
Subject: STIP comments from Thomas Ferry

Greetings, Jeff.

This topic is confusing, and the department could decide to address outside the STIP framework. However, at this time that's the best shot because of the expense of any conceivable solution. In previous contacts with you, the region has most commonly used the references "Tremont" and "Tremont Drainage Improvements".

Here's the description from the Needs List –

Complete the fulfillment of environmental commitments for construction of the Third Avenue Extension. Install a catch basin near the foot of the wall, and connect this basin to Tongass Narrows via a series of culverts, pipes, and manholes. Includes improving cross drainage underneath Tongass Avenue. May require the replacement of stairs located within city-owned rights-of-way such as Tremont Street.

The reference to environmental commitment involves all downstream drainage, and is not specific to this particular location. All other locations have been addressed, which leaves this one. I can describe in more detail if needed.

Per the above, the Ferry comment is attempting to request that an unfunded need be incorporated into the STIP. However, that language is missing from the constituent's request.

Let me know if you'd like a picture.

David

From: Jeff Ottesen [mailto:jeff_ottesen@dot.state.ak.us]
Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 12:48 PM
To: 'Eagle Heights'; DOT_STIP@dot.state.ak.us
Cc: 'Malcolm Menzies'
Subject: RE: DOT

Mr. Ferry:

The issues you raise are not directed to the STIP per se. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Mr. Menzies, Regional Director for SE Region for his assignment to responsible staff. You can reach Mr. Menzies at 465-1762.

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Sent: Friday, April 06, 2007 12:09 PM
To: DOT_STIP@dot.state.ak.us
Subject: DOT

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of myself, Thomas Ferry, my wife Cherry and brother Ted Ferry at 1626 Water Street.

Four years ago after the 3rd Avenue bypass was done, much of the water that collects on the upside of the bypass dumps on our property through a series of drainpipes.

We have been very patient through this whole process. And have endured rocks coming through our roof, mudslides hitting our home, dust in every nook and cranny of our home. Also, there has been unbearable racket that our guests had to put up with.

I was told during construction that all the water was going to be funneled down 3rd. Avenue to the Tongass Narrows. Obviously someone lied to me, as they started construction. I asked what the pipes were coming out of the side and was assured there wasn't going to be much water coming out.

The torrent of water has made it impossible for my brother and I to develop our lots.

We have been planning to build a duplex and a home on the two lots. Those plans have been on hold for 4 years now.

I suppose we could drill and blast up to our rear property lines and put in our own culvert and collection system and back charge you. Then when you get around to doing something you would have to dig up our underground utilities, water and sewer.

We thought when you did your culvert down through Tremont Street it would be a good time for us to do our water and sewer lines at the same time. We've asked numerous times for some more rock to be placed where the water has washed it away and have yet to get anything. In the winter, our parking lot becomes a virtual skating rink. Which by the way, we had a couple of guests fall and wreck their cars.

Again, we have been very patient but that is running out. I don't want to hire an attorney and sue for damages but that seems where it is headed. Or maybe I could just plug up your pipes as you have no permission to dump this water across my property. I want to resolve this issue ASAP, because in the summer of 2008 we are going to build our homes regardless of what you do, right to our 4 foot setbacks. This would only give you 8 feet between our homes to do your future drainage work and our homes could be damaged.

I want someone to get back to me to resolve this before it turns into a bigger mess.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ferry
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